

MINUTES OF THE JOINT EXECUTIVE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
March 5, 2002 at 4:00 P. M.
Room 303, State Capitol Building

Members Present: Sen. Leonard Blackham, Committee Co-Chair
 Rep. Jeff Alexander, Committee Co-Chair
 Sen. Ron Allen
 Sen. Gene Davis
 Sen. Mike Dmitrich
 Sen. Peter Knudson
 Pres. Al Mansell
 Sen. Steve Poulton
 Sen. John Valentine
 Rep. Patrice Arent
 Rep. Ralph Becker
 Rep. Jackie Biskupski
 Rep. Greg Curtis
 Rep. Kevin Garn
 Rep. Brad King
 Speaker Martin Stephens
 Rep. David Ure

Sen. Bill Hickman, Vice-Chair
Rep. Ron Bigelow, Vice Chair

Members Absent: Sen. Karen Hale

Staff Present: John Massey, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
 Michael Kjar, Deputy Director
 Linda Hansen, Secretary
 Leslie Clark, Secretary

Others Present:

List of Others Present on File:

Committee Co-Chair Alexander called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes

_____ **MOTION:** Pres. Mansell made a motion to approve the minutes of February 28, 2002. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Co-Chair Blackham made a motion to approve revenue sources on the

Executive Appropriations Committee handout dated March 5, 2002, to be included with other sources available from previous actions:

Nursing Home Assessment fees - to close the fund	\$ 255,000
Mineral Lease	1,000,000
Earnings from Tobacco funds	841,200
Workers Compensation Fund	800,000
Additional Tax Revenues from Road Bonds	2,000,000
Total	\$4,896,200

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Allen, Davis, and Rep. Garn absent at the time of voting.

MOTION: Co-Chair Blackham made a motion to reconsider previous budget actions and open budgets where applicable.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Allen, Davis, and Rep. Garn absent at the time of voting.

MOTION: Co-Chair Blackham made a motion to adjust previous actions by including the following items in H.B. 3, Supplemental Appropriations Act II:

Critical Land Conservation Fund	\$(1,750,000)
Health-Medicaid	646,700
Human Services - FACT	279,000
Total	\$(824,300)

The motion passed with Reps. Arent and Becker voting in opposition to the motion with Sens. Allen, Davis and Rep. Garn absent at the time of voting.

MOTION: Co-Chair Blackham made a motion that the following items be included in H.B. 3, Supplemental Appropriations Act II:

P.E. Classroom supplies	\$5,000,000
Higher Education	
MBA Programs restore	200,000
SUU Nursing	30,000
USU Outreach - PHD's	200,000
Snow South - O/M	100,000
Snow College / I.T.	150,000
CEU O/M	150,000

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U of U E&G	25,000
Foster Review Boards	333,100
AGRC	360,000
Local Mental Health	400,000
AHEC - Intern and Ed Coordinator	100,000
Medical Examiner Replacement	200,000
Parks Restore	500,000
Aging - Home Services	100,000
HB 319 Jail Contracting	775,000
HB 295 - Child Removal Warrants - Courts	50,000
HB 18 - Court Records of DUI Cases	25,400
SB 17 - DCFS Management Info Sys Amendments	682,300
HB 82 - Storage of Concealed Firearms - Court Fees	163,000
UNG - Vet Nursing Home	132,600
DCED	50,000
Medicaid Reimbursement	750,000
Total Expenditures	\$10,476,400

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Becker made a substitute motion to adopt Co-Chair Blackham's motion and to include \$100,000 for Meals on Wheels.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Allen and Davis absent at the time of voting.

MOTION: Co-Chair Blackham made a motion to adopt the following:

Department of Natural Resources Budget

It is the intent of the Legislature that the FY 2003 one-time General Fund appropriation of \$40,000 to the Department of Natural Resources be used to pay legal costs associated with seeking to preserve by lawful means the rights of the state and its citizens to determine and affect the disposition and use of federal lands within the state, including agricultural grazing rights on federal lands. The Department of Natural Resources shall coordinate these efforts with the Governor's Office.

Executive Offices Budget

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Governor's Office - RS 2477 Rights of Way program provide the Department of Natural Resources up to \$100,000 from the

appropriation the program receives from the Constitutional Defense Restricted Account to pay legal costs association with seeking to preserve by lawful means the rights of the state and its citizens to determine and affect the disposition and use of federal lands within the state, including agricultural grazing rights on federal lands. The Department of Natural Resources shall coordinate these efforts with the Governor's Office.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Biskupski made a substitute motion to adopt the original motion with the exception of \$40,000 for legal costs going to parks trails grants.

The substitute motion failed with Sens. Blackham, Allen, Davis, Dmitrich, Knudson, Mansell, Poulton, Valentine, and Reps. Curtis, Garn, King, Stephens, and Ure voting in opposition.

The original motion passed with Reps. Arent, Becker, and Biskupski voting in opposition.

Public Education Regional Service Centers

MOTION: Co-Chair Blackham made a motion to adopt the following intent language:

It is the intent of the Legislature that Regional Service Centers' share of Utah State Office of Education budget reductions shall not exceed - \$36,000 in FY 2003.

The motion passed unanimously.

State Parks

MOTION: Co-Chair Blackham made a motion that it is the intent of the Legislature that the State Parks Board, in coordination with the division director, analyze the costs and benefits of each state park, and by January 1, 2003 recommend parks for closure to meet the \$500,000 reduction in the state parks budget.

The motion passed unanimously.

Higher Education

MOTION: Co-Chair Blackham made a motion to insert the following Intent Language following Line 860 of S.B. 2:

It is the intent of the Legislature that the University of Utah may use donated and institutional funds to contract for design of the Marriott Library remodel. It is also the intent of the Legislature that this authorization shall not bind future Legislatures to fund the Marriott Library remodel at the University of Utah.

Kevin Walthers, Fiscal Analyst, responded to questions of the Committee.

The motion failed.

Industrial Assistance Fund

MOTION: Co-Chair Blackham made a motion that it is the intent of the Legislature that the appropriation to the Industrial Assistance Fund be allocated as follows: \$1 million for the Ogden High-Tech Center; \$1.5 million for the state match of the relocation of the Kuhni Rendering Plant; \$4 million for the bio-medical sector. Any remaining funds shall be used according to the statute governing the Industrial Assistance Fund.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Speaker Stephens made a substitute motion that it is the intent of the Legislature that the appropriation to the Industrial Assistance Fund be allocated as follows: \$1 million for the Ogden High-Tech Center; \$1.5 million to match the conference committee report ; \$4 million for the bio-medical sector. Any remaining funds shall be used according to the statute governing the Industrial Assistance Fund.

The substitute motion passed with Reps. Arent, Becker, and Biskupski voting in opposition.

Higher Education

MOTION: Rep. Curtis made a motion to insert Intent Language following Line 860 of S.B. 2:

It is the intent of the Legislature that the University of Utah may use donated and institutional funds to contract for design of the Marriott Library remodel. It is also the intent of the Legislature that this authorization shall not bind future Legislatures to fund the Marriott Library remodel at the University of Utah.

The motion passed unanimously.

Utah College of Applied Technology

MOTION: Co-Chair Blackham made a motion that it is the intent of the Legislature that \$75,000 of Income Tax Revenue be transferred from the Utah College of Applied Technology - Administration line item to the Dixie Applied Technology College. It is further the intent of the Legislature that the funding for the Utah College of Applied Technology - Administration line item be allocated by the Utah College of Applied Technology Board of Trustees.

The motion passed with Sens. Dmitrich, Mansell, Poulton, and Reps. Curtis, Garn, Stephens and Ure voting in opposition.

General Fund Restricted - Public Safety Support Fund

MOTION: Sen. Knudson made a motion to transfer \$149,900 from the Victims of Domestic Violence Services Account to the General Fund Restricted - Public Safety Support Fund to correct appropriations from the wrong account occurring in FY 2001 and FY 2002.

The motion passed unanimously.

Department of Human Services - Office of Recovery and Office of Attorney General

Sen. Knudson made motion to increase funding to the Department of Human Services - Office of Recovery Services (S.B. 1, Item 138) as follows:

From General Fund	\$ 8,500
From Federal Funds	18,100
Schedule of Programs	
Attorney General Contract	26,600

Sen. Knudson further moved to decrease funding to the Office of Attorney General (S.B. 1, Item 17) as follows:

From General Fund	-26,600
Schedule of Programs	

Attorney General Public Advocacy -26,600

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Valentine made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

The minutes were reported by Linda Hansen and Leslie Clark, Secretaries.

Sen. Leonard Blackham, Co-Chair

Rep. Jeff Alexander, Co-Chair